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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY AEROMEDICAL CENTER, FT.
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SUBJECT: Certification Requirements for Army Civilian Contract Aircrew Members

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify paragraph 4-2 and 4-31a(3), Army Regulation (AR) 40-501, Standards of Medical Fitness, regarding certification of Army contract civilian aircrew members.
2. AR 40-501 requires that Army civilian contract pilots meet Army Class 2 medical standards and medical exam requirements for flying duties. It also requires that Army contract non-rated aircrew members meet Class 3 medical standards and medical exam requirements. The resultant Army certification is recorded on DA Form 4186, Medical Recommendation for Flying Duty.
3. Effective immediately, and pending a published change to AR 40-501, the following exception to policy is authorized:
 - a. Contractor pilots who fly Army aircraft to conduct Acceptance, Maintenance, Experimental, Developmental or Functional Test Flights, or conduct Factory Qualification Training for new, mission, design, or series aircraft shall have the option of maintaining either a current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Class 2 Medical Certificate or an Army Class 2 certification on DA Form 4186.
 - b. Army civilian contractor crewmembers (non-rated) performing functions as Flight Mechanics/Engineers or serving as Technical Observers on Acceptance, Maintenance or Functional Test Flights, Experimental or Developmental Test Flights shall have the option of maintaining either a FAA Class 3 Medical Certificate or Army Class 3 certification on DA Form 4186.
4. This exception does not apply to contractor pilots hired to administer Army Aircrew Training Programs or to conduct flight training, (except Factory qualification), or who are hired to fly Army missions not related to aircraft flight testing. They will continue to maintain an Army Class 2 certification.
5. Pilots who perform duties as described in paragraph 3a above and also perform duties described in paragraph 4 will maintain an Army Class 2 certification.

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6. My points of contact for this action are COL James McGhee, DSN 558-6917 and Ms. Tina Wortzel, DSN 761-0020.

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